Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes, that is the view of the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether that was the recommendation of the local Tahsildar?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Generally the recommendation of the local Tahsildar is acted upon.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is not the depot paying rent, or is it a Government building?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* All that will come under "Conveyances and Contingencies".

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Rs. 17—12—7 includes the rent also.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the rent?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the revenue officers have also not been collecting paddy.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The paddy is collected under the supervision of the Tahsildar. There is no division of work. The depot keeper and the assistant, etc. work under the direction of Grain Purchasing Staff.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether these gentlemen were engaged in the purchase of paddy in this area when the Tahsildars and his deputies were functioning there?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* These people were engaged in assisting the purchasing staff. In fact, these people form part of the purchasing staff.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Was there a report from the Tahsildar, Sir, for extra help through this depot staff.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes, there was from some Tahsildars.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In this particular case?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Did the expenditure come all on a sudden, or was it planned?

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Are the Government sure that all the available surplus paddy has reached the hands of the Government?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* How are we to know it? We hope so.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government see, Sir, that such unnecessary expenses are not incurred hereafter?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It depends on the merits of each case.

Mr. President: I have received from Mr. P. Narayana Menon notice of a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House. I rule it out of order on the ground that the matter which he wishes to discuss is not urgent.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Can we know, Sir, the subject matter of the adjournment motion?

Mr. President: I am only required to read the motion if it is in order.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am not questioning that. I wanted only to know the subject matter of the motion.

Mr. President: It is open to you to ask the Hon'ble Member himself.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Thank you, Sir.

Condolence motion on the demise of Mr. A. L. Antony

Mr. Ephraim Ouseph *(Narahkal):* Mr. President, I rise to move that "This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the sad demise of Mr. A. L. Antony, the Member for Irinjalakkuda".

We are meeting today under the shadow of the unexpected demise of Alunkal Lonappan Antony; and I am sure it would not be the desire of the Hon'ble Members to resume the ordinary business today without paying a tribute to the memory of the worthy member for Irinjalakkuda.

Other Members must be able to speak with greater intimacy and eloquence than I can, of his career and character. They know more about his creditable record at school and college, and about his honourable career at the Bar.

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It is not generally realised how tenaciously and faithfully he worked for the twin ideals of Cochin politics, communal justice and social justice, the rights of the unrepresented communities and the rights of the dumb peasant proprietors.

Mr. Antony did not admire the vulgar pushfulness of the garrulous politician. A flair for party intrigue and an unscrupuluous gift of the gab were not his strong points.

With characteristic prudence, he recognised the limited opportunities legal profession afforded in this petty State; he had the sense of reality to understand the special handicaps a member of his community must recognise in the matter of public service. He did not, however, nurse the slightest bitterness against the ruling class or their flattering toadies.

Instead he returned to the traditions of his forefathers—the trading and the industrial activities of the Syrian Christians of Kerala. He made himself one of the leaders of the entertainment, banking and bell-metal business of the State. The diverse nature of his financial interest is an evidence of his organising and administrative ability.

Unfortunately, a promising financial career was cut short by the concerted attack of two of the deadliest diseases. It is under the impact of that mortal suffering that I made his acquaintance. I saw in him a lovable, honest, elusive personality, desperately trying to retain a code of honour amidst the exigencies of politics. Behind the mildness of the man I formed the real measure of the men's heroic stoicism; I had a glimpse of the spiritual consolation of his religion that sustained him. And when the end came unexpectedly, quietly as the man lived, I could not help recalling to my mind a passage in Newman "After the fever of life, after wearinesses and sicknesses, fightings and despondings, languor and frightfulness, struggling and succeeding; after all the changes and chances of this troubled unhealthy state—at length comes death, at length the white throne of God, at length the beatific vision."

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Sir, It is in very mournful numbers that we have to lament that the icy hand of death has been placed upon Mr. A. L. Antony, but the only consolation to a troubled mind on such an occasion like this is that God loves those who die young. In my short, but intensive acquaintance with Mr. A. L. Antony, it has struck me that he has proved that it is not far from Christianity to Charity. Vivid recollections surge forth in my mind, and I have been noting that he is a noble man, reserved to the core, shrewd to the extreme length, amiable and extremely civil. I wish that all of us pray that the soul of the deceased may rest in peace.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Mr. President, when the late Mr. Antony attended the Budget Session of 1118, we never thought that he would be taken away so soon from our midst. Mr. Antony was in this Council on two occasions. He first entered this Council in 1103 when the Second Legislative Council began to function and again in this present council, the fifth, in 1113 he again came in. For the whole of the period during the first entry of Mr. Antony, I had the pleasure and the privilege to work with him and for a little time during the fifth also I had that privilege. My intimate acquaintance with the gentleman that Mr. Antony was, is, that he was a young man of very genial temperament, always devoted to his work, but doing it in a most unostentatious manner. He was in short a silent worker. It is such a friend and worker that has been snatched away from our midst. In this predicament I can only pray, may his soul rest in peace.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* I wish to add a few words to the sentiments already expressed here in connection with this condolence motion. I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Antony for a very long time, even from very early days of boyhood, first as a student when he was in the St. Joseph's College, Trichinopoly, and later on as a teacher in the institution which I too have had the privilege of serving namely, the St. Thomas' College and High School, and then later on he began to practise as an Advocate at the Bar, and very soon he entered the arena of business and finally he passed on to that of public life, and there at last he has died in harness.

Now, the most distinguishing feature, that I have had opportunities of noting, in the character of Mr. Antony was that he was always kind and considerate to all, inferiors, equals and superiors, never waxing hot in any discussion. I have not, even for once, seen Mr. Antony waxing hot in any discussion, however serious the matter might be. He had a particular method of winning in a debate and of prevailing over the opponent, without showing any sort of animosity and without raising any kind of heat. He was always willing to see and appreciate the other man's point of view and very often it looked as if he was arguing for his opponent; in such mild and subtle way he used to gain his point, the clever debator that he was.

As a private gentleman, Mr. Antony's hospitality was very well-known. His friendship was always reliable, his advice always helpful and timely; and even in his criticism he was very kind and considerate and very often sympathetic to the other party.

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As a businessman, Mr. Antony was very shrewd and foresighted. At the same time, even in business he had a code of honour, he went by certain principles. That baneful maxim that "business is business", that anything and everything was allowable in business, formed no part of the programme or motto sketched out by Mr. Antony for his own conduct. In business he tempered the business interests with a very great measure of justice and appropriate liberality even.

As a public man again, he always stood for principles. Never had he his own axes to grind, and therefore, we very often found him willing to come to a compromise or to a very reasonable settlement even in matters of very difficult significance.

His demise, his untimely demise I would say, is a very serious loss to the State and particularly to the town and community to which he belonged also a most deplorable loss to this House of which he was a prominent and highly useful Member. May his soul rest in peace, and let us also convey our condolences to his bereaved family; and in this connection I may also bring to the knowledge of this House that Mr. Antony has left behind him only young children, to whom the bereavement must be very painful. With these words, I support the condolence motion.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: It is my melancholy duty to pay respects to the memory of late Mr. Antony, the Hon'ble Member for Irinjalakkuda. I know him very well. I was his student when he was teaching in the St. Thomas' High School. Therefore, it is my duty to pay homage to Mr. Antony. Mr. Antony had a very distinguished educational career, but in recent years, for the past six or seven years, he was suffering from chronic diabetics. And therefore he was not able to show his full vigour and intelligence in the discharge of his duties in this House. He was a very intelligent and clever man and he stood first in several classes. And as a public man, of course I am sorry to say that I disagreed in several matters but we were very great friends till his last days. He belonged to a noble family of our parts and he represented by adjacent constituency and the people had very great respect for him for the work he was doing. I fully support the motion with these words.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: I wish to associate myself with the expression of sympathetic condolences at the passing away of Mr. A. L. Antony. Mr. Antony was one of the very sane, considerate members of the Progressive Party of the Second Legislative Council. As such I had the opportunity of watching his methods of transacting business, and I wish to sum up in one sentence, that he exhibited much of the characteristics of his race. Much has been said about his life and in Irinjalakkuda his name was a well-known name to conjure with in all the election campaigns. Wherever he sided, generally success also attended the candidates. It was a shock to me to hear from his son that he was at the Sanatorium and passed away there. How many more of our people are facing this kind of danger is a matter that struck me at the time, because of the absence of sufficient cure methods here. However, that a different matter and in this sad event when such nice lives are gone, I hope we will take to heart and do all that we can to save similar lives. With these few words, I support the motion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*: I sorrowfully support the motion. I only pray along with Mr. Goldsmith "Eternal blessings crown my earnest friend and round his dwelling the guardian angel".

Mr. K. T. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Sir, I wish to associate myself with the several views expressed by the Hon'ble Members. In fact, Mr. Antony represented our constituency first, I mean the Kattur constituency. There was very serious contest. Somehow, he came out successful and next time I think he stood at Irinjalakkuda, but he was not successful. Subsequently as a colleague at the Irinjalakkuda Bar, I had occasion to meet and associate with him and to work co-ordinately in many aspects of life. He was more successful not as a vakil, but as a business man. As far as my memory goes, I think at Irinjalakkuda he was the pioneer in founding one or two best banks of that lacality. I think even now he is one of the Managing Directors and Legal Advisers of these banks. Moreover, in encouraging cinemas he took a leading role, and one or more cinemas of his are touring throughout India and even now it was a brilliant achievement as far as that business was concerned. May his soul rest in peace !

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: On behalf of may party, I wish to associate with the sentiments that have been expressed here. I knew Mr. Antony for the last 7 years and he has impressed me as a very decent gentleman. I think he has been taking a very valuable part in the deliberations of this Council. It is a great loss that Mr. Antony is no more to help us in the deliberations. Once again I associate myself with the sentiments already expressed. I pray that his soul may rest in peace.

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Mr. President : Before I put this motion to the House, I would like to say that I also wish to associate myself with the expression of sympathy and condolence from different quarters of this House. I will now ask all the members to pass this motion standing.

Motion passed nem con *all members standing*

Announcement by the President—Re-arrangement of business

Mr. President : I have now to announce that the Council will not sit tomorrow. The business that has been put down for tomorrow will be taken on Wednesday, the business that has been put down for Wednesday will be taken on Thursday, the business that has been put down for Thursday will be taken on Friday and that put down for Friday will be taken on Saturday.

Announcement of Election of a member to the Standing Finance Committee

I also have to announce that the nomination papers for the election of a member to the Standing Finance Committee in the place of Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan will be received by the Secretary to the Council up to 5 o' clock on Wednesday afternoon, the 9th of February 1944. The election will be held on Thursday, the 10th.

Statement of expenditure placed on the table

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts) :* Sir, Under Rule 58 of the Legislative Council Rules I beg to place the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 28 (1) (c) of the Government of Cochin Act 1113.

Serial No.	*Head of account*	*Amount*	*Remarks*
1.	Cranganur 6 Excise Refunds (1118)	Rs. 28	The actual refund sanctioned to licensees to toddy shops exceeded the budget grant and this amount had to be urgently provided.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

1. Rs. 340 under "22. Veterinary Miscellaneous"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 340 under" 2C—Veterinary—Miscellanuous". The tank in front of the Veterinary Hospital, Mattancheri, has to be filled up. An expenditure of Rs. 340 is necessary for the purpose. There is no allotment for the same in the current year's budget. Hence an additional allotment of Rs. 340 is necessary under the above head. I request the House may be pleased to grant the same.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Regarding the general business of these supplementary grants, I may be permitted to bring to your notice the fact that of the 75 demands we have explanations only for 25 have been furnished.

Mr. President : When we come to the 26th, the Hon'ble Member may raise the point.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* For greater expedition of business we may postpone it to another day so that we may have sufficient notice of all the demands.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I think that all the 75 demands have been explained.

Mr. President : We will take the grants as they come.

Demand put and carried

2. Rs. 500 under "4-B—Village Courts—T. A."

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 500 under "T. A. 4-B—Village Courts." The usual allotment under T. A. before the creation of the Village Courts Department was Rs. 400 in "3-B—Village Courts." This amount was intended for payment of T. A. to Panchayat Court clerks for one journey in a month for treasury transactions. Government have since sanctioned payment of T. A. twice a month for treasury transactions. Further, the daily allowance has been raised to annas 10 for clerks. The provision under T. A. in the Village Courts Budget is only Rs. 440. In the first three months of 1119 a sum of Rs. 264—8—0 has been spent on this account and the balance in the allotment *viz.*, Rs. 175—8—0 will not be sufficient for payment of T. A. for the remaining months. On an average a sum of Rs. 75 will be required every month. There will be no savings in the current year's budget. Hence the necessity for the additional allotment of Rs. 500. I request the House may be pleased to grant the same.

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